PLOT TO CATCH A WIRE THEIF

The Electrician Tells Another Interesting Story.

HOW HE ACTED DETECTIVE.

A Series of Lamps Acted as Signals. and a Hard Ride on the Wheel Resalted in an Ugly Spill-The Thief Met His Death,

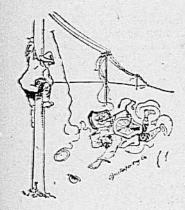
The Electrician felt a little sleepy as The Electrician felt a little sleepy as he leaned back in one of the big chairs in the lobby of the Lexington. He yawned and then crossed his legs. He took out his watch, and observing the hour started to button up his coat preparatory to going out.

Several of the gang gathered about him and asked for a story. This is what he told:

Superintendent Baskerville was consid-Superintendent Baskerville was considerably exercised over the depredations of a wire-thief, who for about a week had been making nightly raids on the wires of The Truxton Electric Co., and I, his assistant came in for full share of sleepless nights from the same cause. The fellow whose thieving caused me much inconvenience besides the actual loss of valuable wire, seemed well posted as to the minutiae of the plant, and was evidently minutiae of the plant, and was evidently an expert climber and cunning thief; for igh a close watch had been set on

an expert climber and cumning thief; for although a close watch had been set on our pole lines since he first made his appresence felt, no one had caught a glimpse of him; nor had any trace of the stolen property been found, for which an exhaustive search had been instituted. Besides the special force detailed to patrol our lines, the superintendent armed the arc inspector and his assistant, whose duties necessitated their taking two trips a night over the entire arc sysem, with orders to keep a strict lookout and report any supicious characters londing in the vicinity of our wires; but the stealing continued with provoking regularity, every night a section of wire disappearing, first in one and then another of the outlying districts.

That the thier should be so successful in evading our patrols, together with the fact that he was familiar enough with our circuit to steer clear of the live wires



BUT THE FELLOW GOT AWAY

ed me to believe that one of our own led me to believe that one of our own in immen was implicated if not entirely responsible for our losses, but rather than throw any unjust suspicion on any one out take the chance of prematurely scaring off the thief, I decided to keep my orn counsel and work on the case independents.

A HAPPY IDEA.

This, my position with the company enabled me to do, but how to cover some enabled me to do, but how to cover some twenty or twenty-live miles of pole-line without assistance for sometime proved a stumbling-block to my ambitious project of capturing the thief alone and unaided. At last I struck the happy idea, which finally and effectually put a stop to the thieving, but in a way I had not calculated upon, and in fact would have hesitated to adopt, had I foreseen the result. Our plant was situated very nearly in the centor of the town, from result. Our plant was situated very mearly in the centor of the town, from which our wires radiated like the spokes of a wheel, if not as symmetrically, and townsisted of high voltage alternaters, railway generaters, and are machines of many types and dispositions, the majority of them added from time to time as the public confidence in the safety and efficiency of the electric light increas.

ed. The latest comers were the railway ed. The latest comers were the railway generators, which were put in when the old mule cars were abandoned and new franchises obtained for operating the franchises obtained for operating the roads electrically and which under the new order of things took in the several suburbs. It was these suburban lines that had become interesting of late through the operations of the wire-thief and to which every effort was made: it was to the plant, however, that

I first gave my attention.

Behind the switchboard I rigged up with the aid of a number of lamps and with the sid of a number of lamps and some rubber covered wire a detector or tell-tale, connecting one lamp in series with each circuit and through a switch to a small transformer on the all-night service line; of course, this switch could not be thrown while the lines were in use, but at night, when the current was cut off, closing the switch would light up the lamps brilliantly. As the electric curthe lamps brilliantly. As the electric curcurcuit and back through the lamps, the current and back inrough the lamps, the cutting of any line would extinguish the lamp on that line and thus indicate, not only that the wires were being tampered with, but which line was in trouble.

THE FIRST SIGNAL.

I was thoroughly familiar with the

route of each circuit and after completing my work on the indicator, and eating a light supper, sat down opposite the upparatus to smoke and await develop-ments. My wheel was at the door and I ments. My wheel was at the door and I had already slipped a revolver into my pocket. The night was cloudy, and no doubt I would soon get the signal for which I was waiting as eagerly as an angler waits for a nibble.

Well, it came, lamp on No. 11 circuit flickered an instant and then went out. It did not take me many seconds to reach my wheel, mount, and ride off, pedalling as though my life depended up-

on it.

Circuit No. 11 went up through the main street of the town for about a mile and a quarter and then turned due east and a quarter and then turned due east and down the prettiest drive-way imaginable; a hard, smooth, shell road with scattering cottage on eiher side with their green lawns and handsome shade trees, but I did not see them that trip; my eyes were fastened on our po'c-line, which ran along on the left of the road and ever

along on the left of the road and every moment as I spin outword I was expect-ing to surprise the thief at his work. I suppose I had ridden about three miles when I reached a sharp decline and saw before me a dark object on the cross-arm of the third pole from the botcross-arm of the

A BAD FALL

Throwing my feet on the coasters, I reached for my revolver. Giving my wheel her head, we fairly fiew; the pole was not a hundred feet ahead when there came a crash and a moment later I was picking myrelf up badly scared and stunned, and int in time to see a tail lank form side down the pole and make off up the road. To lame to follow, I imped to my wheel it learn if possible the cause of my fail. I had caught the thief as his work, but unfortunately for me, had run afoul of the strip wire he had cut and thrown

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into the road; it took some time to re-move the wire, which was tightly wound around the axle of my front wheel and around the axie of my front wheet and sprocket. Even when freed of the wire 1 found the frame so badly bent as to make it impossible to ride, leaving me no alternative but to walk back to the plant; a long and painful undertaking, but I reached there in time to cut the tell-tale clear of the lines before the morning force came to duty.

reached there in time to cut the tell-tale clear of the lines before the morning force came to duty.

Too sore to attempt another such ride the following gight, I decided to report my exploits to the superintendent and get his advice and assistance; this I did and was much pleased at the interest he evinced in my scheme, but I could not join in his hearty laugh at my "hors de combat," nor had I yet appreciated the humorous side of my mishap.

All NIGHT WATCH.

After a good day's rest I felt better and at midnight was again at my post ready for an all-night's vigil if necessary, the two men detailed by the superintendent to assist me were in the open doorway playing a friendly game of seven-up, while I had taken up a position behind the switchboard so as to watch the tell-tale lamps. Both men were splendid wheelmen, and I envied them the exciting ride I was at any moment expecting to send them on; but the hours dragged by one with wearisome monotony and yet no sign from the tell tale; after a while the men stopped playing and became reminiscent, and I sat there highly entertained as story followed story, accounts full of narrow escapes from death by whre and grotesquely interwoven with humor and pathos, exaggerated in the telling, no doubt, but having for a back-ground many stirring incidents which go to make the every day life of the average lineman.

Gradually the stories became less frequent and finally ceased altogether and in the place of the suspicious luit that followed, a duet of gentle snores was heard; I did not wake the stepers, but sat there

lowed, a duct of gentle snores was heard: I did not wake the sleepers, but sat there I did not wake the steepers, out sat day, my thought turning back to a time three years ago, when I, a newly-graduated electrical engineer, stood at the gate discussing the world I was going to conquer. I had come to say good-bye for I was leaving the dear old village for more active fields.

active fields.

A LITTLE MEMORY.

The future, to my experience, was bright and smooth and its outlook lessened to some extent the pain of particular them. ing, but nevertheless there was a lump in my threat when train time arrived and I drove off with all my belongings in a small hair trunk in the back of the

wagon.

It had been a long time since then and I had received many hard knocks in the fight, but that parting was still dear to my memory, I could shut my eyes and the same style face, all smiles, yet again see her sweet face, all smiles, yet with a suspicion of tears in her eyes like with a suspicion of tears in her eyes like the sun shining through an April shower; and the fine old house with its guble roof just peeping through the trees; how clearly it all comes back to me. I sat up with a start and rubbed my eyes; the day engineer was shaking me by the shoulder, I too had been asleep, but it was still early with only a hazy grayness to mark the break of day; I did not know how long I slept, but the lights of the tell-tale were still burning, so no wires had been cut. wires had been cut.

wires had been cut.
With another night's watching and disappointment I was worn out and discouraged, so only waiting until the machines were started and the first car sent out, I went home to breakfast and to bed; that is such was my intention, but I had hardly taken my seat at the table when the phone rang and I was called back to the relant back to the plant,

back to the plant.

A DEAD THIEF.

Duty first is my motto and though hungry and tired I hastened off to find on my arrival the body of one of our linemen lying stretched on the engine room floor. Motorman Jennings, who took the first car over the Rivermont branch, had found the man lying face downwards at the foot of one of our poles near the end of the line. The treatment for severe electric shocks is the same as for a case of drowning without the barrel rolling, but although we worked faithfully and used every effort to coax back his life. out attnough we worked faithfully and used every effort to coax back his life it was of no avail.

it was of no avail.

We greatly regretted the man's death, but there was no doubt that we had at last caught the thief. If any doubt had existed it was soon discelled when among a number of papars in his pocket we found freight reseights for over a thousand pounds of copper wire.

At first we were at a loss to account

for the man's death, but the superintend ent. In looking over the lines, found a cross between one of our 2,000 volt alternating circuits and a power wher, as this was connected through my apparatus to the railway feeders the whole system had be-come live, and my harmless tell-tale had become a deadly trap.

-Gustavo Salvini, who is as great a worshipper of Shakespeare as his father, is not content with playing Hamlet and other Shakespeare parts—he is also lectur ing on "Hamlet," "Othello" and othe orks of the bard. He has a particular works of the bard. He has a particular liking for lago, and his demonstration of the part is very fine. By his study and remacity Gustavo Salvini'is now the greatest classic actor in Italy—I might say the only classic actor in Italy. Even his father admits that; he who was so much against his son adopting the stage as a profession.—Rome letter in Dramatic Mir-

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Social and Personal.

(Continued From Eleventh Page).

tory. Her husband was the commander of seven companies, who volunteered their services to the Confederacy, but there were many obstacles to be overcome as it seemed impossible for Virginia and the it seemed impossible for Virginia and the other States to render them assistance as they were overtaxed for their own troops and the case of the Marylanders seemed hopeless as Captain Johnson, whose idea was that Maryland should be represented in the Confederacy, was unwilling that his boys should be mustered into the Army of Virginia. The outlook for these brave lads was dark and unpromising as they were unable to obtain arms, these brave lads was dark and unpromising as they were unable to obtain arms, It being obvious that unless speedy action was taken the men who were on the verge of disbanding would join other companies, Mrs. Johnson made herself equal to the occasion and by a heroic effort, was successful in keeping the Marylanders together. She determined to make her way through the hostile lines to North Carolina and solicit aid for them. Accompanied by Lieutenant George M. Spearer and Captain Nicholas as her escort she started by the way of Alexandria, but discovering that city occupied by the Federals, she then went by Harper's Ferry and Richmond to Raleigh. The governor and council provided her with five hundred riffes, cartridge boxes and accountements and five thousand cartridges and percussion caps, which at this accourements and five thousand cartridges and percussion caps, which at this
time could not be purchased for less than
one dollar a cap. The enthuslastic North
Carolinians gave her a public ovation and
her name was on the lips and in the
heart of every Confederate soldier.
Men. women and children, were
gathered at every station, to see
the Maryland heroine, who was
equipping her husband's regiment.
Virginia, too, was eager to assist the
patriodle woman and at Fetersburg a
purse was given and Governor Letcher purse was given and Governor Letcher gave her uniforms and clothes and she gave her uniforms and clothes and she bought tents. Authority was given her at Manassas to detain all trains to carry her supplies and in ten days she had returned to the Maryland camp with her trophies to gird her hausband's soldier boys and to inspire them by her example for the approaching conflict.

General Jackson most generously contibuted to the cause. At Hanover Junction she erected a church at her own expense and stood godimother for those who were baptized and received in the church.

pense and stood godmother for those who were baptized and received in the church. It can truly be said of Mrs. Johnson that she was the "first in peace, first in war and first in the hearts of her countrymen," nor did she ever lose interest in the cause which was so dear to her, as it was her wish that the battle-scarred Confederate flag which had been presented to her after the war by her Maryland boys, should be placed on her casket. A few years ago, while ill in Baltimore, the old Maryland soldiers showed their fidelity to her, by making her room a bower of flowers on the anniversary of her birthday and presenting her with a Confederate badge in the shape of a Maryland cross set with jewels and suspended with black and orange ribbons from a heartsease. Some time ago General and Mrs. cross set with jewels and suspended with black and orange ribbons from a hearts-ease. Some time ago General and Mrs. Johnson retired to "Woodlands" their country home in Virginia, where she took an active part in church work until her death. Her funeral services were conducted in Amelia county by Mr. V. Wren, rector of the Episcopal church, and the remains were conveyed to Amelia Courthouse and placed on the train to be taken to Baltimore via Richmond, escorted by Messrs, Axtell, Balley, Tripp, De Craft, Bouthall, Judge Hundley, Dr. Griffith, Messrs. Thomas Berkeley, Bradley and the family servants. Reaching Richmond they were met by Messrs, W. L. Royall, W. R. Trigg, W. R. Massie, Thomas Bolling, E. T. Crump, Jno. Rutherfoord, Thos. N. Carter, A. M. Seddon, General C. J. Anderson, Major Robert Stiles, Drs. Chas. R. Robin, W. B. L. Tallaferro, and Judge George 1a. Christian and on reaching Richmond, taken to the residence of Dr. George Ben Johnston: on Grace street, where they remained until the next morning, when they were conveyed to Baltimore and were met by a large number of ex-Confederate and prominent Baltimore people, Interment was made in London Park cemetery. The services were conductpeople, Interment was made in Londor Park cometery. The services were conduct Park cemetery. The services were conducted at the grave by Rev. W. M. Dame, rector of Memorial Episcopal church and chaptain of the Confederate Society.

The active pall-bearers were Captain G. W. Booth, T. G. Hayes, Major Stuart Symington, Mr. August Simon, Messrs. J. R. Wheeler, M. O. Shriver, J. R. Stonebraker and Hugh Mewilliams.

Honorary—General John Gill, Gen. J. M. Hood, Capt. McHenry Howard, Capt. F. F. Ward, Major Charles R. McCann, Congressman J. W. Denny, Messrs. Geo. C. Jenkins, John P. Poe, D. L. Thomas, J. F. Hayden, R. L. Stenson and Frank A. Bond,

A. Bond,
"Go, glory, and forever guard
Our heroine's hallowed dust;
And Honor, keep eternal ward;
And Fame, be this thy trust!"

Mr. and Mrs. Fronk Rossman have Issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Edith Leonore Rossman, to Mr. Hoge Gilliam, of Richmond. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride, No. 1862 Eighth street, Bay City, Mich., on January 17th, at 8

Mr. Gilliam is the son of Mr. and Mrs Mr. Gillam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gilllam, of this city, and the grandson of the late Rev. Moses D. Hoge.
Governor and Mrs. J. Hoge Tyler have

issued invitations to the marriage of Miss Evelyn Tyler to Mr. John J. Miller, of Rappahannock county. The marof Rappahannock county. The mar-riage will take place at the Executive Mansion on January 18th at half-past six o'clock. Miss Tyler is the sister of Governor Tyler and is a young lady of charming personality.

personality.

personality.

It has just been amounced that Mr. W. H. Crane will assist Miss Pleasants and Miss Pace in the last of the drawing-room receptions, which will be held at the Jefferson on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Crane has been entertained at the Mr. Crane has been entertained at the Westmoreland Club on former visits to Richmond, and is well known to some of our most prominent men, but this is the first time that an opportunity has been afforded the ladies to meet in a social way this talented actor and charming gentleman. The programme is an ingentleman. The programme is an in-teresting one.

Mrs. A, R. Ellerson and the Misses Ellerson, Mrs. Frank Nalle, Mrs. Georgo M. Harrison, of Staunton; Mrs. Lowis Pendleton, of Louisa; Mrs. William Tompkins, Mrs. Luther R. Warren, Mrs. Walter Palmer, are spending the winter at Mrs. Duval's, Third and Franklin streets.

The former parishoners of Rev. George A. Booker, recently of Fairmount Meth-odist church, but now of Portsmouth, Va. were glad to welcome him back to the city for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page gave brilliant reception in Washington, last

spent a few days with friends in the city last week.

Mrs. P. C. Puels, of Brooklyn, N. Y.,

is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. G. Mayer.

Mr. Robert Bosher has returned from a

pleasant visit to New York.

There will be a meeting of the Junior Hollywood Memorial Association at Lee Camp Hall, on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to be present, as arrangements will be made for a "tea" to be given on January 22d to celebrate the birthday of General Jackson, which falls on Sunday, the 21st and will be commemorated on the following day. Let all the young people who have ever belonged to the Juniors. come to the meeting and renew their come to the meeting and renew their interest in the membership, to show their interest in the perpetuation of a Society, which holds in reverence the memories of their gallant ancestors. In a few years, the Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Wortley Dickie, Mr.

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older Association will be no more. The women who have borne their part nobiy are laying down the burden of life, the younger generation must come to their assistance. The Confederate dead are ours and when the loved hands of those who have ever kept these graves green have been folded, the work must be taken up and the Junior Hollywood Association must do it.

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Miss Phyllis Langhorne is the guest of Mrs. S. Moneure Perkins.

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Miss Nina Stringfield, of Newport News, is the guest of Miss Jessie Bailey.

Owing to the illness of Mr. George L. Currie, the meeting of the St. John's Circle of King's Daughters and Sons will not meet at the residence of Mrs. Currie, but at that of Mrs. Ramon D. Garcin, No. 2618 east Broad street, on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A full attendance is requested as this will be an important meeting. ant meeting.

Miss Idras Head, of Missouri, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Beazley at No. 2703 east Broad street, last week.

Mr. A. C. Nickerson and bride, of Boston, were the recipients of many flattering attentions during their stay with Mr. and Mrs. George L. Currie.

Miss Mary Watts Woods, of Charlottes-ville, is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Lucie Wormeley is the guest of Miss Berkely at the University of Vir-

ginia. Miss Bertha Dickinson has returned from Baltimore, where she spent the holi-day with her parents.

day with her parents.

Miss Phyllis Garcin, of Edgewater Park, N. J., is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Ramon D. Garcin.

Dr. and Mrs. George F. Bagby, who have been visiting relatives in Farmville, have returned to the city.

have returned to the city.

There will be a called meeting of the Auxiliary of the Homeopathic Free Dispensary on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Miss Hunter

Miss Alice Goodwin has returned from a pleasant visit to her grandmother. Mrs. William Crump, in Albemarle county. Mr. Pope Nash let last week for the University of Virginia, after spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Preston Nash in this city.

Miss Nina Randolph left Friday for Charleston, where she wil spend a month with friends in that city.

Mr. Thomas Miles May returned last week from Washington, where he visited Mr. Benjamin Lamar Minor.

Mr. Benjamin Lamar Minor.

Mrs. Boyce D. Brooker gave a delightful "at-home" on Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock in honor of Mrs. W. J. Shervin. Mrs. Brooker was gowned in black satin duchesse and was assisted in receiving by her niece Miss Marie Lishman in plak taffeta and lace and Mrs. W. J. Shervin in cream lace trimmed with sequins and violets.

The front drawing-room was artistically decorated with palms and potted plants,

I he from thawing from was actionally decorated with palms and potted plants, the predominant colors being pink and white, which were also used with beautiful to the property the company of the plants. white, which were also used with beautiful taste in the dining-room, where the table presented an attractive appearance with a handsome centerpiece of Battenberg lace over pink satin and numerous candles with pink shades. Among the callers were Mesdames J. H. Capers, Sr. Robert Whittet, Jr., George Schoen, Thos. Swain, H. W. Wood, Robert Harlow, Thomas Christian, H. Stuart McLean, Messrs, Annie L. Buchanan, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Glenn, Gravatt and Geddes-Smith.

Miss Alice O. Lefebvre's cotillon will meet on Tuesday evening, January 9th, at the kindergarten on Floyd avenue. The last of the series of Drawing-Room Receptions at the Jefferson, which Room Receptions at the Jefferson, which have been such a pleasant feature of the early part of the season, will be held on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The evening will be devoted to the "Literature and Music of Irelana." Two vocal quartettes have been arranged from Moore's famous Irish melodies and two solos. Miss Elinor Curtis, of Baltimore, will read selections from Mr. Dooley, who is now so well known a critic of political and social events as to have made the delightful brogue, the vehicle for a satire, which has charmed the public and kept the inmates of the White House in morta dread. Other attractive literary selecdread. Other attractive interary setections will be announced later. The Shamrock will be in evidence in the scheme of decoration and the local color of the "Fmerald Isle" will be carefully preserved. Miss Fairchild, of Boston, and Mrs. John Skelton Williams will preside at the teatables and will be assisted by Miss Jula Harris and her guest Miss Anne Jack-Harris and her guest, Miss Anne Jack-

son, of Baltimore.

Tickets may be obtained at the office of the Jefferson or from any of the la dies having the affair in charge. Miss Hunter Fergusson entertained on

Miss Hunter Fergusson entertained on Thursday evening from 9 to 12 o'clock in honor of Mrs. P. C. Puels, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The guests appeared en masque, and the costumes were so original that the judges, who were to award the prizes, found the matter a difficult one to decide. Those particularly noticed were Mrs. Dickle, as "baby-waker"; Miss Batcheller and Mr. Rivers Goodall as a negro bride and groom. Mr. Hartman appeared as "Mephisto," and Mr. Briggs as Cardinal Richelleu, Miss Stringfield made a striking "new woman," and Mr. as Cardinal Richelleu. Miss Stringfield made a striking "new woman," and Mr. Mayer, as "Crispettes," provoked much merriment. Prizes were received by Mrs. Clarence *Franklin, Miss Batchellor and Mesdames Harry Hartman and William Mayer, for correct guessing as to number of masqueraders. At half-past ten o'clock the masques were removed and an elegant collation served. and an elegant collation served

and Mrs. A. D. Landerkin, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Fergusson, Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin, Mrs. P. C. Puels, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Ettinger, Misses Elizabeth Andrews, Luey Minson, Jessie Bailey, Nina Stringfellow, of Newport News; Moille Batcheller, Ella Walford, Fannie Angus, Courtney Angus, Inez Byerly, Elliott, Annie Lear, Messrs. Robert Mitchell, Edward Barber, Percy Tallaferro, Frank Grady, Rivers Goodall, Edgar Webb, Edgar Fergusson, Saunders Carter and I. D. Briggs. Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Upshur entertained by Collateral...... Investments, Bonds, and

Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Upshur entertained very handsomely on Thursday evening in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. Meade Clark. The decorations were of palms, smilax and potted plants, forming a beautiful contrast to the pink-shaded lamps and lovely pink carnations.

Mrs. Upshur was assisted in receiving by Mesdames W. Meade Clark, W. G. Miller, Isaac Davenport, Preston Cocke, Robert Lancaster, Frederick Gray, Portiaux Robinson.

The punch-bowl was presided over by Mrs. Allen Lyon and the following young ladies assisted in the dining-room: Misses Annie Blankenship, Bessie Watkins, Anna and Nellie Boykin, Annie Gray, Bessie

na and Nellie Boykin, Annie Gray, Bes. Hill, Mattie Christian and Ella Cocke. vitations were issued to about seven hun-dred guests.

The Board of Managers of the Woman's Christian Association will hold their monthly meeting at the association on to-morrow, at 12 o'clock M.

An approaching marriage which is of great interest to many of the people of Richmond is that of Mr. Charles Wesley Porter, Jr., to Miss Virgia Seabrooke Jackson, both of Church Hill.

The marriage will take place to-morrow at the Third Presbyterian church, at 6:30 P. M. Rev. R. E. Bentley, of King and Queen county, will perform the ceremony.

nony, The maid of honor will be Miss Hattle The maid of honor will be Miss Hattle Williams, of this city, Mr. Lucien W. Ryland will be the best man. The ushers will be Dr. William R. Gwathmey, Messrs. William N. Cooke, H. C. Schisholm, William Neal, Dr. T. B. Latane, of King and Queen county, and W. Frank Porter, brother of the groom, The young couple will take an extended Northern tour, including Weshington, Philadelphia tour, including Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen returned to the city last night from Washington and they are now at the home of the groom's father, on west Grace street.

AFTERMATH OF THE FIRE.

Firemen Kept Busy Guarding Against

Firemen Kept Busy Gnarding Against
Fresh Outbreak.

Firemen were kept busy all of Friday
night guarding against a fresh outbreak
of the flames on the scene of the big fire.
Salvagers were also at work, but little or
nothing can be saved from the fated Planters and Merchants' Tobacco Warehouse.
The burnt tobacco will, in all probability,
be disposed of for fertilizing purposes.
Kingan & Co. are conducting their buslness as if no fire had occurred and not
one of their employes has been thrown out
of employment.

During the ngitting many liremen were injured, and some of them very seriously. Jos. Gills, lieutenant of Engine Co. No. 2, was badly burned about the face while running a line down Fifteenth street. He soff duly.

is off duty.
Charles Frommer was badly burned while driving a hose wagon down Fifteenth street. E. P. Crump, of Engine Company No. 2.

who was overcome by the heat, is still in bed, though considerably better. Lemuel Bullock, who was overcome by the fumes of the acid and smoke, is at

the Virginia Hospital, and in a very bad condition.

Mr. L. S. Jones, Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners, had his face and head badly bruised and scarred by a win-

head badly bruised and scarred by a win-dow-sash falling upon him while in the Kingan & Co. building Capt. William Kanary, of Engine Co. No. 3, and two fivemen, who were caught under a falling wall, were slightly injured

under a faling wall, were slightly injured but are on duty.

Friday evening, after the fire had been gotten under control, a very laughable incident occurred. Orders had been issued to the men that they were to turn the hose upon any person seen taking tobacco. A very prominent insurance man walked up to a pile of tobacco, gathered up an armful and started to walk away with it. The hosemen saw him and away with it. The hosemen saw him and ordered him to drop his load. He said nothing and walked on. He was told again nothing and walked on. He was told again to throw down the tobacco but he took no notice of the command. The men then turned the stream upon him, which was one of the strongest, and the insurance man was knocked head over heels on the street, but he still held to his tobacco. When he arose to his feet the stream was anniled again and over went the insurapplied again, and over went the insur-ance man. He dropped his tobacco and

the firemen let him go.

He complained to the chief, but got no satisfaction, the latter saying that he had issued a general order and his men had no means of knowing that it was not his intention to take the tobacco.

The losses by the fire are considerably The losses by the fire are considerably greater than at first estimated, being probably in the neighborhood of \$400,000, while the total amount of insurance carried is about \$479,200.

ried is about \$179,200. "

Kingan & Co. will rebuild at once and the work of cleaning away the remains of the fire is going on to-day. While the establishment is in a had shape, it is hoped that they will be able to start the engine by to-morrow.

Owing to the fire Friday afternoon, the gas from the upper gas house was turned off, and caused a great deal of darkness in many homes and places of business in the city.

EXTERDAY'S FIRES

business in the city.

YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

A fire broke out yesterday in a frame dwelling on the corner of First and Orange streets. A clitzen discovered the blaze, but was unable to tarn in an alarm on account of the key-hole being stopped up with mud by some boys.

When this was discovered the citizens of the past quarter, ending December

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Richmond Trust and Safe Deposit Co.,

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 30th, 1899 Time Loans Secured by Collateral...... \$ 679,019 73
Demand Loans Secured Desposits subject to check.\$1,101,873 33 Certificates 29.732 33 233,835 00 932,008 70 1 00 Due to Banks and Bankers Unpaid Liabilities Account of Investments 21,769 74 463,946 17 Undivided Profits

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS, President-JAMES H. DOOLEY, FRANK A. PAVENPORT, Vice-Presidents. H. L. CABELL. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Savings Bank of Richmond,

Corner Main and Eleventh Streets, Richmond, Va.

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\$2,330,580 34

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Applial and Surplus, \$160,000. Deposits received in sums of \$1.00 and upwards. Negotiable paper discounted. On and after April 9, 1900, the bank will remove to 1117 east Main street, next door to Hotel Lexington and opposite the office of The Richmond Dispatch.

INVENTORY SALE.

MILLER CHINA CO.

109 East Broad Street, Between First and Second.

Our annual inventory sale commences to-day and will continue for two weeks, which will give you an opportunity to select from our immense stock of

China, Glassware, and Housefurnishing Goods

such bargains as never before offered in this city. Remember, this sale to continue for two weeks only-all goods to be sold at greatly reduced prices for CASH.

Positively no goods charged during this great reduction sale.

Come early and make your selection.

Miller China Company, 109 East Broad, Between 1st and 2d.



Fine Oysters, Fish & Game Go to the Virginia Fish. Oyster and Game Company, No. 414 north Sixth street. Second Market, New 'Phone 414, where you will find the best assortment in that line in the city or State, the finest quality and flavored Oysters that is used. bynn Haven Bay, Blue Point, Cherrystone, Back River, York River and Chesapeake Bay Oysters, fresh and clean, opened dally.

Fresh Fish of All Kinds in Season. Halibut, Smelts, Fresh Codfish, Striped Bass, Black Eass, Fresh Mackerel, Pompano, Sheepsheaf, Fine White Perch, Virginia Spots, Blue Fish, Fresh Salmon, Salmon Trout, Etc.

GAME OF THE FINEST. Pheasant, Quil, Venison, Wild Tu: key, Wild Ducks, Rabbits, Squirrels, lipe, Woodcock, Whole Deer, Live Lobsters, Etc. Snipe, Woodcock, Whole Deer, Live Lobsters, Etc. VA. FISH, OYSTER & GAME CO., 414 N. 6th St., 2d Market; New Phone, 414.

turned firemen and extinguished the fire. | 31st, 1899, I have the honor to call your The damage is about \$100.

corner of Twenty-eighth and Leigh streets. The fire was in 2 wood-house and destroyed that building.

BIG GAINS SHOWN. Business of the Richmond Postoffice Largely Increased.

The damage is about \$100.

An alarm was turned in yesterday about 12:15 o'clock from box 17, on the corner of Twenty-eighth and Leight wood-buste.

Largely Increased.

The increase in the business of the Richmond postoffice is marked and all departments have shared the prosperity.

The receipts for the sale of stamps, cards and envelopes at the local postoffice for the month of December, 1399, when compared with the receipts for the corresponding period of 1898, show an increase of \$1,37.04.

The total sales for the month, just of \$1,337.04. total sales for the month, just

ended, was \$21,93.50.

The following is an extract from the report of Superintendent of Delivery of Mails Frank P. Burke made to Postmaster Wray T. Knight, and explains

special delivery service. The total number of—
Specials received at this office was... 6,022
Total number despatched from this office was... 3,622

Making total number of despatches

the previous year, the total number of specials received at 5,063 3,173 .. 8.24 Total number handled

Amount of compensation paid spe-cial delivery messengers was... 374.52 These figures show an increase of 1398 over \$55 cf over 15 per cent. A California woman has patented a machine for gauging and marking ladies shirts, to insure evenness around the bottom, the skirt being hung on a revolv-

ing form, with an adjustable frame on one side, which marks the proper length for trimming.